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NPIC/PEG (11/83)**HELIX HELICOPTERS**
NOVONEZHINO AIRFIELD, USSR

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** A FORCE UPGRADE TO HELIX ANTISUBMARINE WARFARE (ASW) HELICOPTERS IS IN PROGRESS, SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING THE PACIFIC FLEET ASW CAPABILITIES. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** FOUR HELIX AND SIX PROBABLE HELIX ASW HELICOPTERS ARE PARKED IN THE HORMONE HELICOPTER DISPERSAL AREA. THE HELIX HAS GREATER SPEED, RANGE, WEAPONS CAPABILITY, AND PROBABLY MORE ADVANCED SUBMARINE DETECTION AVIONICS THAN THE HORMONE. THE HELIX CAN EITHER BE SHORE-BASED OR DEPLOYED ABOARD MAJOR COMBATANT SHIPS. TEN ADDITIONAL HELICOPTER HARDSTANDS WERE CONSTRUCTED OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS IN THE HORMONE DISPERSAL AREA TO SUPPORT THIS UPGRADE. (SWN)

NOVONEZHINO AIRFIELD, 31 NM EAST-SOUTHEAST OF VLADIVOSTOK, IS THE MAJOR SOVIET NAVAL AVIATION HELICOPTER OPERATING BASE IN THE PACIFIC FLEET AND SUPPORTS HORMONE, HAZE, AND HOOK ASW UNITS OF THE PACIFIC FLEET AIR FORCE. (SWN)

3. COORDINATES 43-13-13N 132-34-44E

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